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Signal Hill Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murders

A 49-year-old man was sentenced to life in state prison without the possibility of parole after he was convicted of killing two men, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Julian Recana, who prosecuted the case, said on July 2 a jury found Jeffrey Means of Signal Hill guilty of the first-degree murder of Ronald Henry, 67, and the second-degree murder of Hal Dean Shaw, 48.

Jurors also found true the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders. Additionally, they found true that Means used a jack stand and knife in the commission of the crimes.

The prosecutor said Shaw was discovered bludgeoned to death in his home on June 12, 1996. Eleven years later, Henry was found stabbed multiple times in the neck. The defendant was interviewed by police after Henry's death and then arrested in connection with the killing, the prosecutor said.

After further investigation, law enforcement connected Means to Shaw's slaying and the defendant was additionally charged with his murder.

In both murders, Means was friends with the victims and the last person to be seen with them before they died, the prosecutor added. DNA evidence also linked the defendant to the crimes.

The cases were investigated by the Whittier and Long Beach police departments.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.